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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6, 13 and 19-20 remain pending. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claim 13 is allowed and that claims 2-6 and 19-20 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 2 has been amended above so as to be presented in independent form. Further, claim 19 has been amended above so as to be presented in independent form. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 2-6 and 19-20 should be allowed along with claim 13.

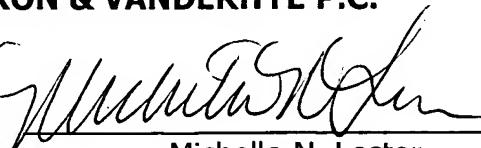
To advance prosecution, rejected claims 1, 7-12 and 14-18 have been canceled without prejudice. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the Examiner's prior art rejections have been mooted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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